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Info 21.XI.1991 from Dili

Situation remains very tense, the military are present everywhere. The curfew in Dili is still a fact, after 7 o'clock in the evening the streets in Dili are the sole property of the military, the people of Dili remain at home.

House searches continue, on 19-XI 2 platoons raided the house of Manuel Reis (family of Xanana Gusmao). The military were looking for a tunnel that could serve as a hiding place. The entire neighbourhood was ransacked.

Officials of the church continue to be harrassed. Father Ricardo, Pastor of the Motael Church, was called in for interrogations at POLRES, the Police Headquarters.

The schools have not come back to normal. The boys stay at home, avoiding the risk of being arrested or beaten up by the military. The Externato San Jose, the only Portuguese speaking school is still closed down.

It is virtually impossible to get a clear picture on the situation in the countryside. Military roadblocks are placed all over the region, young men who are trying to travel are stopped and taken to the KODIM, the local military head quarters. People without KTP (identity card) are immediately detained.

An unconfirmed report came from Los Palos of shooting between Indonesian military and the armed resistance. Major-General Sintong Panjaitan announced on 13 November in the Jakarta morning daily *Media Indonesia* (reported in Asia Wall Street Journal, 14 November) that "the mission against rebels will be upgraded from a 'territorial operation' to a 'combat operation'". In these last two years the Indonesian army has developed a hearts and minds territorial strategy called *Operasi Senyum* (Operation Smile). General Panjaitan announced to act firmly "against those abusing our persuasive attitude".

REPORT FROM INDONESIA

On 21 November, early morning some 500 Indonesian students demonstrated in front of the Catholic University Parahyangan in Bandung to protest about the situation in East Timor and the arrest of East Timorese students in Jakarta on 19 November. Eight students have been arrested.